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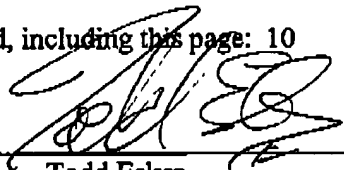
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Document(s) Attached

1. Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.181
2. Exhibit 1 -- True copy of the front page of the September 11, 2002 Office Action
3. Exhibit 2 -- True copy of the Docket Record of Annette S. Parent for December 8-15, 2002 and March 8-15, 2003

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

ZUKER et al.

Application No.: 09/510,332

Filed: February 22, 2000

For: T2R, A NOVEL FAMILY OF
TASTE RECEPTORS

Examiner: Landsman, Robert

Art Unit: 1647

**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a)
TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF
ABANDONMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a) and MPEP § 711.03 to withdraw the holding of abandonment for the above-referenced patent application. The application went abandoned March 12, 2003 for failure to respond to an Office Action mailed September 11, 2002. Applicants request withdrawal of the holding of abandonment because the Office Action was not addressed and mailed to Applicants' representative, Annette S. Parent, an attorney at Townsend and Townsend and Crew, LLP in San Francisco, CA.

As evidence, the following items are enclosed herewith as Exhibits 1 and 2:

1. A true copy of the front page of the September 11, 2002 Office Action.

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2. A true copy of the Docket Record of the Applicants' representative, Annette S. Parent, for the period where the non-received Office Action would have been entered had it been received and docketed (December 8-15, 2002 and March 8-15, 2003).

REMARKS

The Office Action in question was improperly sent to the wrong law firm by the Patent Office, as shown in Exhibit 1. Due to PTO error, Applicants did not receive the Office Action until Examiner Robert Landsman faxed a copy to Townsend and Townsend and Crew on March 13, 2003. (See fax date at the top of Exhibit 1). This was two days after the final deadline for a response. Consequently, Applicants' representative had no notice of the Office Action during its pendency, as evidenced by Exhibit 2.

The PTO apparently mailed the Office Action to Pillsbury Winthrop, LLP because of a change of correspondence address filed by the Pillsbury law firm. However, that change of correspondence should never have been entered by the PTO because the Pillsbury law firm did not have power of attorney for this application.

The undersigned notes that another Townsend and Townsend and Crew, LLP attorney, Matthew Hinsch, had a conversation with William Dixon of the Petitions Office indicating that these facts are appropriate for withdrawal of the holding of abandonment.

Applicants contend that, the evidence provided herein establishes that due to PTO error, Applicants did not receive the Office Action, mailed September 11, 2002, during its pendency. Applicants therefore request the following:

1) As the misdelivery of the Office Action was due to the actions of the PTO, Applicants respectfully petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a) and MPEP § 711.03 to withdraw the holding of abandonment. Petitions filed under these provisions do not require a fee.

2) As the Applicants have not yet had an opportunity to respond to the September 11, 2002, Office Action, Applicants respectfully request the reinstatement of

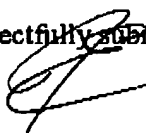
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the statutory reply period, effective from the date of the Examiner's response to this correspondence.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

EXHIBIT 2**Prosecution Docket Report**

For: Annette S. Parent
 Country: For All Countries
 Start Date: 12/8/2002
 End Date: 12/15/2002
 Date Type: Both Due and Reminder Dates

Date Client/Matter (Pat/TM)	Action/Events Notes	Title/Mark Client	App - Reg No Filing - Issue Date	Country Status	Bill - Resp Party Other Atty's
Due Date: 12/08/2002 021044-001310PC (Pat)	Sequence Listing Due - 2 Mo.	MRE11: Modulation of Cellular Proliferation Rigel Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	PCT/US02/24422 7/31/2002	PCT Pending	KLB - DMW ASP
Due Date: 12/10/2002 018512-000130US (Pat)	Response to Final Office Action due (1st Deadline or Ext)	alpha Sensitive Potassium Channel in Spermatoocytes ICAGEN, Inc.	09/15/076 3/6/2000	US Pending	KAW - ASP ASP
Due Date: 12/10/2002 021044-003100US (Pat)	1 MO FORGN	Proteomics Approach to functional Genomics; Identification of New Classes of RbAp48 Interacting Partners or Rigel Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	60/348090 1/10/2002	US Inactive - Expired	KLB - ASP ASP
Due Date: 12/10/2002 021044-003100US (Pat)	File Non-Provisional Application - 1 Month	Proteomics Approach to functional Genomics; Identification of New Classes of RbAp48 Interacting Partners or Rigel Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	60/348090 1/10/2002	US Inactive - Expired	KLB - ASP ASP
Due Date: 12/10/2002 15280W-005100US (Pat)	4 Mo Foreign Filing Reminder	Neurotrophic Components of the ADNF1 Complex National Institute of Health	60/371961 4/10/2002	US Inactive - Expired	EGW - ASP ASP
Due Date: 12/10/2002 15280W-005100US (Pat)	File Non-Provisional Application 4-Mo Reminder	Neurotrophic Components of the ADNF1 Complex National Institute of Health	60/371961 4/10/2002	US Inactive - Expired	EGW - ASP ASP
Due Date: 12/11/2002 014058-011610US (Pat)	Check PAIR for 1st OA	HTA-DR2 Binding Peptides Conixa Corporation	10/012363 12/11/2001	US Pending	KLB - ASP ASP

Date Client/Matter (Pat/M)	Action/Events Notes	Title/Mark Client	App - Reg No Filing - Issue Date	Country Status	Bill - Resp Party Other Atlys
Due Date: 12/1/2002 017473-00310US (Pat)	3 MO EXT/ABAND-USP-FINAL.	Anti-Cancer Nucleic Acid & Protein Targets LifeSpan BioSciences, Inc.	09/693783 10/19/2000	US Inactive - Abandoned	KAW - JML ASP JML
Due Date: 12/14/2002 016285-001700US (Pat)	Foreign Filing Deadline	Active Compounds of Bao-Ji- Yan for Anti-Diarrhea & Relieving Gastrointestinal Symptoms Chinese University of Hong Kong	60/339752 12/14/2001	US Inactive - Expired	KRA - ASP ASP
Due Date: 12/14/2002 021044-003400BP (Pat)	Amend Claims	Cell Cycle Proteins Associated With RAD9, Compositions and Methods of Use Rigel Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	01914663.8 3/2/2001	EPO Pending - Published	KLB - ASP ASP
Due Date: 12/15/2002 016866-005710US (Pat)	2-Mo Foreign Filing Reminder	Method for Correlating Gene Expression Profiles with Protein Expression Profiles Ciphegen Biosystems, Inc.	10/076967 2/15/2002	US Pending - Published	KAW - ASP
Due Date: 12/15/2002 021044-003400US (Pat)	4-Mo Foreign Filing Reminder	NP95: Methods of Assaying for Cell Cycle Modulators Rigel Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	10/123568 4/15/2002	US Pending	KLB - BLK ASP BLK
Due Date: 12/15/2002 021044-003500US (Pat)	4-Mo Foreign Filing Reminder	BAP-1: Methods of Assaying for Cell Cycle Modulators Rigel Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	10/123731 4/15/2002	US Pending	KLB - ASP

EXHIBIT 2**Prosecution Docket Report**

For: Annette S. Parent
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Start Date: 3/8/2003
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Date Type: Both Due and Reminder Dates

Date Client/Matter (Pat/TM)	Action/Events Notes	Title/Mark Client	App - Reg No Filing - Issue Date	Country Status	Bill - Resp Party Other Attys
Due Date: 03/08/2003 02307E-088721US (Pat)	Foreign Filing Deadline	Nucleic Acids Encoding a G-Protein Coupled Receptor Involved In Sensory Transduction The Regents of the University of California	10/096144 3/8/2002	US Pending - Published	KAW - ASP ASP
Due Date: 03/08/2003 02307E-088721US (Pat)	Check PAIR for 1st OA	Nucleic Acids Encoding a G-Protein Coupled Receptor Involved In Sensory Transduction The Regents of the University of California	10/096144 3/8/2002	US Pending - Published	KAW - ASP ASP
Due Date: 03/08/2003 02307E-125900US (Pat)	2-Mo Foreign Filing Reminder	Synthesis & Structure - Activity Relationship Study of Potent Trypanocidal THIO Semicarbazone Inhibitors of the... The Regents of the University of California	60/379366 5/8/2002	US Pending	KAW - BLK ASP BLK
Due Date: 03/09/2003 020883-000210PC (Pat)	Has International Search Report Been Received?	Compositions & Methods for Diagnosing & Treating Mental Disorders The Pritzker Organization, LLC	PCT/US02/36683 11/12/2002	PCT Pending	WMS - TNB ASP
Due Date: 03/10/2003 015280-290110US (Pat)	Notice of Appeal	Targeting Antigens to the MHC Class I Processing Pathway with an anthrax Toxin Fusion Protein National Institutes of Health	09/853530 5/9/2001	US Pending	GWC - ASP ASP

Date Client/Matter (Pat/TM)	Action/Events Notes	Title/Mark Client	App - Reg No Filing - Issue Date	Country Status	Bill - Resp Party Other Advs
Due Date: 03/10/2003 015280-29010US (Pat)	Response to Final Office Action	Targeting Antigens to the MHC Class I Processing Pathway with an anthrax Toxin Fusion Protein National Institutes of Health	09/853530 5/9/2001	US Pending	GWC - ASP ASP
Due Date: 03/10/2003 021044-007500US (Pat)	4-Mo Foreign Filing Reminder	Modulators of Leukocyte Activation, HCK Compositions and Methods of Use Rigel Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	10/193720 7/10/2002	US Pending	KLB - BLK ASP BLK
Due Date: 03/10/2003 02307E-068511EP (Pat)	Status Check (Filing Receipt Received?)	Methyl Iodide as a Soil Fungicant The Regents of the University of California	9/19/1995	EPO Pending	KAW - CAF ASP
Due Date: 03/10/2003 15280W-005100US (Pat)	File Non-Provisional Application 1- Mo Reminder	Neutrophil Components of the ADNF1 Complex National Institute of Health	60/371961 4/10/2002	US Inactive - Expired	EGW - ASP ASP
Due Date: 03/13/2003 014058-005200CZ (Pat)	Response Faxed/FedExed Declaration & POA on 1/31/03 (Kj); Answer pending official letter. Extension of time is possible.	Immunodominant Acetylcholine Receptor Alpha Subunit Peptides, Complexes Thereof with MHC Class II Components and Their Use Corixa Corporation	PV 2002-3586 3/30/2001	Czech Republic Pending	KLB - ASP ASP
Due Date: 03/13/2003 014058-012010PC (Pat)	Status Check (PCT Demand Received?) Postcard rec'd 10-11-02/em. Demand Exp Mailed on 10/11/02 (Kj); Has Demand been received?	Heterologous Fusion Protein Constructs Comprising a Leishmania Antigen Corixa Corporation	02/08223 3/13/2002	PCT Pending - Published	KLB - KJ1 ASP
Due Date: 03/13/2003 014058-012010US (Pat)	Check PAIR for 1st OA	Heterologous Fusion Protein Constructs Comprising a Leishmania Antigen Corixa Corporation	10/098732 3/13/2002	US Pending	KLB - ASP ASP
Due Date: 03/13/2003 15280W-004200EP (Pat)	Status Check Provide address for inventor SPONG, Catherine Y. This is not an official deadline.	Compositions and Medicaments Comprising Active Dependant Neurotrophic Factor (ADNF) polypeptides for enhancing postnatal learning and memory National Institute of Health	01941783.1 5/31/2001	EPO Pending - Published	KAW - TNB ASP

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Due Date: 03/14/2003 021227-000110PC (Pat)	File IDS in Corresponding US App/has 1-Mo Reminder	Mutagenic Nucleoside Analogs for the Treatment of Viral Disease Koronis Pharmaceuticals, Incorporated	PCT/US02/26765 8/21/2002	PCT Pending - Published	KLB - ASP ASP
Due Date: 03/15/2003 018512-006010CA (Pat)	Sequence Listing Due - 2 Mo.	CNG3B: A Novel Cyclic Nucleotide-Gated Cation Channel ICAGEN, Inc.	240847 5/15/2001	Canada Pending	KAW - DMW ASP
Due Date: 03/15/2003 018512-006810PC (Pat)	Status Check (International Preliminary Examination Report Received?)	SL02 & SL04, Novel Potassium Channel Proteins from Human Brain ICAGEN, Inc.	PCT/US01/25701 8/15/2001	PCT Pending - Published	KAW - KJI ASP
Due Date: 03/15/2003 021044-006500US (Pat)	File Non-Provisional Application	Modulators of Leukocyte Activation, Compositions and Methods of Use Rigel Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	60/364437 3/15/2002	US Inactive - Expired	KLB - BLK ASP BLK